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Status

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>02 June 2006</u>.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL.**   2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) <u>1-6</u> is/are pending in the application.
    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) <u>1-6</u> is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on <u>02 June 2006</u> is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
    a) ☐ All   b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
      1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
      2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
      3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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6) ☐ Other: _____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1.　　The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that

form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
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> (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

　　Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Pande et

al. (US 2006/0111143 A1), hereinafter referenced as Pande.

　　Consider **claim 1,** Pande discloses a method (figs. 5-7) for adding

characterization data linked to an image (Abstract), using a mobile (102) terminal

including a means of digital image capture (202) and other means of linking and saving

digital data capable of communicating with the image capture means (212, 210, 204),

the method being implemented in a communication network (fig. 1) with coverage by

cells (104, 106, 108), a cell ID (i.e. location data) being automatically linked to each cell

(Abstract, Para 0015, figs. 1-7, where Pande discloses Cell IDs, and enhanced Cell IDs,

and determining cell site characteristics). Pande further teaches that the method

comprises the following steps: a) automatically saving (Para 0035, elements 204, 210

controller, and memory), in the mobile terminal, the cell ID of the network which contains

the geographic location where the capture of at least one image was performed using

the mobile terminal (Para 0038, 0039, fig. 5); b) Automatically linking the cell ID

containing the geographic location of the image capture with a characterization identifier linked to the image capture entered using the terminal, to form a pair of these IDs (Abstract, Para 0040, 0045, 0051-0052, fig. 5, where Pande teaches tagging the image and determining the characteristics of the cell site); c) Automatically saving, in the mobile terminal, the ID pair formed in the step b) (Para 0035, elements 204, 210 controller, and memory).

Consider **claim 2,** Pande teaches everything claimed as implemented above (see claim 1). In addition, Pande teaches that the forming of the ID pair is performed by automatically linking the respective IDs of at least two cells of a cell area, with a unique characterization identifier linked to the capture of at least one image performed in the at least two cells of the cell area (Abstract, Para 0029, 0030, 0035, 0045, 0051-0052, figs. 1 elements 104, 106, 108, and fig. 5, where Pande discloses that cells have various configurations).

Consider **claim 3,** Pande teaches everything claimed as implemented above (see claim 1). In addition, Pande teaches that during an image capture automatically comparing the cell ID containing the geographic location of the image capture with the ID pairs saved in the mobile terminal (Para 0035, elements 204, 210 controller, and memory); and automatically linking the cell ID containing the geographic location of the image capture with the characterization identifier linked to the corresponding image capture (Abstract, Para 0038-0039, 0045, 0051-0052, fig. 5, where Pande teaches tagging the image and determining the characteristics of the cell site), the pair formed by said cell ID containing the geographic location of the image capture and the

characterization identifier linked to the image capture being already saved in the mobile

terminal (Para 0035, elements 204, 210 controller, and memory).

Consider **claim 4,** Pande teaches everything claimed as implemented above (see

claim 1). In addition, Pande teaches that during an image capture with the first terminal,

the following steps: automatically detecting at least one second mobile terminal placed

in an environment close to the geographic location where the image capture is

performed with the first terminal; automatically sending, from the first terminal to the at

least one second surrounding mobile terminal detected, a request containing the cell ID

containing the geographic location of the image capture; automatically comparing, in

each at least one second surrounding terminal, the cell ID containing the geographic

location of the image capture received in the request sent by the first terminal with the

ID pairs saved in the second terminal; automatically sending to the first terminal the

characterization identifier linked to the cell ID containing the geographic location of the

image capture received in the request sent by the first terminal; automatically linking the

cell ID containing the geographic location of the image capture with the characterization

identifier linked to the image capture sent to form a pair of these IDs; automatically

saving, in the first terminal, the ID pair formed in the previous step (Abstract, Para 0035,

elements 204, 210 controller, and memory, Para 0017, 0038-0039, 0040, 0045, 0049,

0051-0052, fig. 1-5, where Pande teaches tagging the image and determining the

characteristics of the cell site, transmitting the image through the network to another

mobile device).

Consider **claim 5,** Pande teaches everything claimed as implemented above (see claim 1). In addition, Pande teaches that the cell ID containing the geographic location of the image capture includes at least one character formed by a digit or an alphabetical letter (Abstract, Para 0015, 0038, and 0039, and fig. 2 element 208 input unit, where Pande discloses tagging an image).

Consider **claim 6,** Pande teaches everything claimed as implemented above (see claim 1). In addition, Pande teaches that a mobile terminal comprises a digital image capture means and data linking and saving means (figs. 1-7)

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BABAR SARWAR whose telephone number is (571)270-5584. The examiner can normally be reached on MONDAY TO FRIDAY 09:30 A.M -05:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, NICK CORSARO can be reached on (571)272-7876. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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